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1. Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU) is the regional representative organization of credit unions and similar cooperative financial institutions in Asia. Organized on 28 April 1971, ACCU represents 47 million members from more than 36,000 credit unions in 20 countries. ACCU has been instrumental in helping members address development issues such as poverty, gender equality, youth involvement and access to financial services particularly for disadvantaged groups.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to work in partnership with apex organizations of credit unions to promote and strengthen credit unions as a vehicle for the socioeconomic development of people in Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since December 2013, ACCU has worked with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) in Myanmar on the MicroLead Expansion Program. The project established 24 credit unions with 8,300 members of which 59 per cent are women from rural areas. The credit unions mobilised savings/shares of USD 80,000 and granted loans of USD 204,000.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACCU participated in a seminar entitled "Reaching rural areas with Digital Financial services", Kampala, Uganda, 23-27 February 2014. It also took part in a "Regional Consultation on Increased Women's Economic Opportunities and Rights in ASEAN" organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), 10-11 November 2015, during which it presented the ACCU experience on microfinance innovations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 1999, the Credit Union Microfinance Innovation (CUMI) was introduced to integrate low-income members into the mainstream of society. CUMI offers the following services focused on long-term financial well-being: wealth building savings, affordable terms on loans, education on thrift, entrepreneurship, and credit union involvement. The programme has reached 11 million mostly women members.

ACCU introduced the Business Development Center (BDC) to help small entrepreneurs overcome bottlenecks by providing them with business development services such as training, technical services, business consultancy, trade facilitation, and outreach to minority members of socially and economically disadvantaged groups.

ACCU introduced the Global Women's Leadership Network to connect women in credit union movements worldwide and engage them in professional and personal development through online and in-person educational platforms. By interacting with other professionals, women can access unlimited resources and learn from the experiences of their peers.

2. Citizen's Coalition for Economic Justice

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice (CCEJ) was founded in 1989 in the Republic of Korea to represent citizens facing the social and economic threat of soaring housing prices caused by real estate speculation and other events.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CCEJ seeks to advance freedom and equality by achieving a democratic welfare society, which secures the right of the people to have a say in the selection of government legislators, policy development, and the promotion of a vibrant and efficient market economy; and in proposing solutions to the shortcomings of a market economy, such as unequal distribution, monopoly and pollution.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CCEJ attends the annual sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and pays attention to the priority areas of civil society organizations (CSOs). CCEJ also contributes opinions to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights in response to requests for the views of civil society on policies and practices.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CCEJ representatives attended the 69th session of the United Nations General Assembly, including the side event discussing the post-2015 development agenda. Representatives attended the Open Forum on Justice and Governance coordinated by the Asia Development Alliance, the International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development and the Republic of Korea CSOs alliance. CCEJ also took part in several other meetings during the General Assembly, including the Logolink meeting on citizen participation, Beyond2015 strategy meeting and the World Food Programme (WFP) meeting on hunger and poverty.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, CCEJ signed the United Nations Convention against Corruption. CCEJ submitted opinions in preparation for a forthcoming thematic report on the human rights impact of fiscal and tax policy to the 26th session of the Human Rights Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As a focal point of Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) in the Republic of Korea, CCEJ contributed to MDG 1 by implementing a campaign with development CSOs in the Republic of Korea and supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

3. Godwin Osung International Foundation, Inc. (The African Project)

Special, 2011

Introduction

Godwin Osung International Foundation Inc. (The African Project) is a globally focused NGO registered in the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the Republic of South Africa. It was established to reach and support orphans, widows, the underprivileged and drug addicts.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The African Project aims to provide support by: fighting isolationism experienced by the target populations; educating target populations on the value of life; providing a balanced diet, clothing, shelter, education, and ensuring the rights of the target population are protected; carrying out medical missions; calling for Government intervention on issues of poverty and inequality; helping to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and malnutrition; uniting the people; helping to spread the Gospel; joining other regional and international organizations such as the European Union, international NGOs and civil society groups, the United Nations, Organization of African Unity (OAU), African Union (AU), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), churches, synagogues, mosques, and religious organizations to address the issues of poverty and abuse; sending volunteers and funds to disasters and other special situations that warrant the attention of the Organization; and holding international conferences, seminars, symposiums and trainings on strategies to eradicate inequality.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization had changes in the geographical distribution of its membership, expansion of territory with new offices in New York and Florida, United States of America, and revamping of the directorship structure to give room for global expansion. The new board structure covers North America, Africa and other parts of the world. The constitution and by-laws also were amended.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The African Project contributed to the work of the United Nations by fighting for the rights of orphans, widows and the less privileged in Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. The African Project also initiated poverty alleviation and education projects and contributed to humanitarian activities in several African villages.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization observes World AIDS Day each year on 1 December.

4. International Association of Peace Foundations

General, 1999

Introduction

The International Association of Peace Foundations (IAPF) is an international peacemaking and charity civil society organization. Currently, IAPF has 28 member organizations across the Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe, Asia-Pacific and America. IAPF is the successor of the Soviet Peace Fund.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims for peace, stability, human rights and effective governance based on the rule of law.

Significant changes in the organization

IAPF has established new offices in Vienna, Austria; Seoul, Republic of Korea; and Dalian and Shanghai, China.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IAPF has been actively involved in humanitarian projects of the United Nations and its funds, programmes and specialised agencies, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and World Health Organization (WHO). IAPF has advocated for the involvement of its affiliates in United Nations initiatives such as Academic Impact, the Global Marketplace (UNGM) and the Global Compact.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IAPF representatives participated in UNGM's Seminars during the reporting period and the United Nations Global Compact Annual meetings held in the Russian Federation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IAPF launched close cooperation with the following organizations:

- United Nations Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (UN-APCICT/ESCAP);
- United Nations Academic Impact;
- United Nations University;
- United Nations Global Compact; and
- United Nations Global Marketplace.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IAPF representatives regularly participated in seminars on the MDGs at Russian and Asia-Pacific universities during the reporting period.

5. International Council of Russian Compatriots

Special, 2011

Introduction

The International Council of Russian Compatriots (ICRC) is a worldwide association of Russian speaking communities and organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purposes of the organization are to spread and protect Russian culture throughout the diaspora and assist in the development and coordination of Russian public organizations and associations for the preservation of ethnic and national identity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the period 2011-2014, ICRC undertook the following initiatives in support of the MDGs and the overall development agenda:

- Round-table discussion — International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (Russian youth union of Georgia), Tbilisi, Georgia, 8 March 2011;
- Family seminar in Oslo (Norwegian-Russian Society in Oslo), Oslo, Norway, 5 February 2011;
- Seminar for participants of the Women peacekeepers alliance of Russia and Georgia in the framework of the project, "Live in the world — live in peace" (Russian women society "Yaroslavna"), Tbilisi, Georgia, 5 May 2011;
- 5th International children festival — IDEALAND (Russian-speaking residents of Cyprus association "Horizon"), Limassol, Cyprus, 8 November 2012;
- Round-table discussion on the political situation in Russia and prospective Russian-American cooperation (The Russian-American Cultural Heritage Center), New York, 22 April 2012;
- 2nd International Forum — "Youth build the future" (Federation "Compatriots union"), Sofia, Bulgaria, 8 December 2012;
- World Russian Forum (Russia House — Continent USA), Washington DC, United States of America, 18 April 2014;
- Project — Center-course seminars for the Russian-speaking women of Georgia (Russian youth union of Georgia), Tbilisi, Georgia, 4 July 2014;
- Children Contest — "It's time to study in Russia!" (Congress of Russian Communities of the Moldova Republic), Kishinev, Moldova, 2 April 2014; and
- Seminar — Legal Protection for Russian compatriots in Georgia center (Russian youth union of Georgia), Tbilisi, Georgia, 8 February 2014.

6. International Federation for Housing and Planning

Special, 1947

Introduction

The International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP) is a membership based organization, founded in 1913 to address issues of human settlement and urban development. IFHP has members from over 30 different countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the International Federation for Housing and Planning are to develop better cities, communities and housing for people through knowledge exchange, capacity-building and networking.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFHP actively serves on the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Professionals Forum (HPF) and as an advisor to United Nations Global Compact.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFHP was present at World Urban Forum Urban Equity in Development — Cities for Life (WUF7), Medellin, Columbia, 5-11 April 2014; and participated at various other meetings of the WUF, the World Urban Campaign and Habitat Professionals Forum.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFHP actively cooperates with UN-Habitat, United Nations Global Compact and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). IFHP is working toward becoming an Associate Member of the World Urban Campaign and the General Assembly of Partners Professionals Working Group on Urban Governance.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Representatives of IFHP serve as Policy Unit Experts on Policy Unit 1: Right to the City and Policy Unit 4: Urban Governance of the World Urban Campaign Steering Committee Working Group on Long Term implementation.

7. International Social Service

Special, 1947

Introduction

International Social Service (ISS) is an international NGO founded in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1924. With a presence in more than 120 countries, ISS is a global actor promoting child protection and welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The International Social Service is a network of national entities and a General Secretariat that assist children and families confronted with complex social problems as a result of migration. In addition to its work on the ground, ISS undertakes training projects, awareness raising and advocacy work in an effort to

better respect children's rights. ISS support helps approximately 75,000 families in the world each year.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization sends submissions to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations main treaty bodies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISI participated in conferences and General Assemblies of United Nations specialised agencies. It takes part in United Nations meetings in Geneva and New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ISI undertook the following activities in support of the MDGs:

- Provided psychosocial and legal assistance as well as counselling and support to families who are in distress;
- Offered relevant training to all stakeholders involved in the protection of children deprived of families, alternative care and inter country adoption;
- Promoted the respect of the fundamental right of each child to grow up in a proper family through advocacy and research;
- Strengthened the ISS global network through training, evaluation and capacity building and identification of local resources to ensure sustainability;
- Analysed the laws in the field of protection of children deprived of families and promote good practices; and
- Evaluated child protection frameworks with national authorities and proposed recommendations for their improvement.

8. Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Maryam Ghasemi Educational Charity Institute is a NGO based in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Institute was established to help achieve international education, health and gender equality goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to raise literacy levels and access to universal primary education, particularly for women and girls; eradicate extreme poverty and hunger; promote and improve maternal health; reduce pregnancy rate for girls under 18; improve the general health and hygiene of children in poor regions; raise awareness and educate women and children about HIV; provide training to young girls and women on family law; and provide help and relief to children affected by war.

The Institute accomplishes its aims through: education and training courses, seminars and technical meetings; maintaining an active presence at international events; exchanging information, experiences and cooperating with international and domestic NGO with similar objectives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute contributed to the Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute participated in the 23rd, 25th and 28th sessions of the Human Rights Council. Representatives of the Institute also met with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institute has engaged in the following initiatives in support of the MDGs:

- MDG 2: provision of education aid to children regardless of ethnic or religious differences; construction of schools; and education of children deprived of education, particularly girls;
- MDG 5: education of women and girls in correct use of contraceptives; holding family planning education courses; and family rights workshop for women and girls; and
- MDG 6: workshops to combat, prevent and stop the spread of HIV.

9. Overseas Development Institute

Special, 2011

Introduction

Established in 1960, Overseas Development Institute (ODI) is United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's leading independent think tank on international development and humanitarian issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ODI's mission is to inspire and inform policy and practice leading to reduction of poverty, alleviation of suffering and achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. This is done through high quality applied research, practical policy advice, and policy-focused dissemination and debate, while working with partners in the public and private sectors, in both developing and developed countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ODI has worked with a number of United Nations agencies including the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on a variety of projects concerning gender, poverty and sustainability. Additionally, ODI has undertaken work in politics and governance, social protection and humanitarian policy through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and food and agriculture through the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ODI regularly participates in United Nations meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ODI's Humanitarian Policy Group (HPG) has a long standing tradition of cooperation with United Nations bodies, particularly OCHA and UNDP. In 2014, HPG, in partnership with OCHA, produced the "Comprehensive Regional Strategic Framework for the Syria Crisis (CRSF)" with recommendations to facilitate government leadership in host countries supported by United Nations partners, regional consultative mechanisms, and with ongoing exchange of information between stakeholders.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ODI has delivered a range of projects in support of the MDGs and the post-2015 process. ODI's MY World global survey engaged citizens and captured people's voices, priorities and views. The survey data contributed to the new sustainable development agenda. Furthermore, ODI's work produced a strong evidence base to support effective international development action beyond 2015, helped the global community develop a roadmap to galvanise development action and measure results beyond 2015.

10. Sri Lanka Anti Narcotics Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association (SLANA) was established in 1988 in response to the challenges of drug abuse and prevention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SLANA is focused on the promotion, development and maintenance of a range of activities, programmes, and projects which will contribute to the elimination of risk behaviours; the promotion and development of skills both personal and social for empowering individuals and communities; and the promotion of actions by the government, private organizations, individuals, and communities contributing to strategies for the elimination of risk behaviours.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, SLANA has implemented many programmes, events, and activities including:

- an annual National Health Run to commemorate the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking;
- a referral desk for substance abusers seeking treatment and rehabilitation programmes;
- publication and distribution of quarterly newsletters, booklets and posters on drug abuse and prevention;
- life skills development programmes to empower individuals to face life's challenges more effectively;
- an information technology programme designed for migrant workers and their families with the aim of preventing families from becoming dysfunctional due to the absence of one or both parents;
- monitoring the status of drug abuse in Sri Lanka;

- awareness programs, targeting at-risk populations; and
- education and skills development programmes such as a free three-month basic information technology course.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

To increase youth involvement in the discussion of drug use in Sri Lanka, SLANA organized an interactive drug awareness campaign with youth volunteers from the United Nations Volunteer Force. SLANA obtained the support of youth volunteers from the Volunteer Force for the annual National Health Run commemorating the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. SLANA also provides intern opportunities for applicants through the Volunteer Force.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its work on drug prevention, SLANA's work contributes indirectly to the MDGs related to health and education.

11. UN-Women Australia

Special, 2007

Introduction

UN Women Australia Incorporated is the National Committee for UN Women in Australia (National Committee) and is one of 15 National Committees supporting the work of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purposes of the organization are to raise funds for UN Women, engaging the Australian Government in UN Women's work and challenging attitudes which perpetuate gender inequality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Key activities include:

- raising more than $1M for UN Women's work and successfully maintaining Australia's funding to UN Women at a time when all other United Nations agencies received funding cuts;

- hosting a global launch of Progress of the World's Women, UN Women's flagship report, which brought together the private sector with Government and Non-Governmental Organizations to discuss women's economic empowerment;
- hosting the Australian celebration of International Women's Day, attended by more than 10,000 people and reaching some 3 million people online; and
- hosting an annual workplace summit, bringing together Australian corporate leaders to discuss gender equality and diversity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The National Committee attends the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York. The delegation has been expanded to include youth delegates and, more recently, corporate delegates to ensure that the widest possible audience understands the important work of the United Nations. A National Committee representative also sat on the Australian Government Delegation to CSW in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The National Committee is an agency of UN Women, linked by a formal recognition agreement. The National Committee also works closely with colleagues in the Asia Pacific region.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Australian National Committee has raised more than $1M to support UN-Women's work across the Pacific Region. It has engaged with corporate partners on issues such as business responsibility for ending violence against women and continues to challenge businesses to implement the Women's Empowerment Principles. Australia National Committee volunteer committees host numerous community events to raise awareness about the MDGs, including movie screenings, events with keynote speakers and panel discussions. Australia was a launch site for Progress of the World's Women, and the Executive Director of UN Women attended some of the events.

12. Women's World Summit Foundation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) is an international, not-for-profit empowerment network created in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 March 1991.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WWSF aims to reduce inequalities and violence by promoting the implementation of women and children's rights and the United Nations development agenda. The WWSF focuses its activities on rural women's empowerment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WWSF co-convened civil society side events related to the United Nations development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WWSF attends regular United Nations conferences and events such as the Human Rights Council and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). WWSF is a member of several NGO working groups such as "People's right to peace" and others related to violence against children and women. WWSF organizes and co-sponsors occasional side events at the United Nations in partnership with accredited groups.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WWSF supports the work of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), CSW, and collaborates with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). WWSF cooperates with the office of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Violence against Children and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives include the annual WWSF Prize for women's creativity in rural life; the annual Call to action on the International Day of Rural Women; a microcredit scheme for the economic empowerment of rural women's groups in Mali called the "Mali Sheep Project". The project, which is sponsored by Swiss private donors and managed locally by a partner organization in Mali 'PROMETHEE', provides credit to relevant rural women's groups who can acquire lambs, raise them and sell them for a profit; the WWSF Prize for innovative prevention action by coalition members; and the "19 Days of Activism for prevention of abuse and violence against children and youth 1-19 November".

13. Womensport International

Special, 2011

Introduction

WomenSport International was formed in 1994 to encourage increased opportunities and positive changes for women and girls at all levels of involvement in sport and physical activity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to serve as an international advocacy group; provide support for individuals or groups working to promote positive change; produce

and/or disseminate educational materials and other information relevant to increasing opportunities or improving the experience of girls and women in sport and physical activity; work with international sports governing bodies and other organizations to promote the greatest possible participation of girls and women in sport and physical activity at all levels; and operate as a clearing house for sharing research, information, ideas and good practices.

Significant changes in the organization

A Memorandum of Understanding with the American College of Sports Medicine is in the final stages of development.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WomenSport International representatives were actively involved with the United Nations Women Major Group in working on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development goals, targets and indicators, including advocating for inclusion of sport and development for girls and women in several target areas.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WomenSport International arranged parallel sessions at the 2012-2014 meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), with WomenSport Foundation USA, International Working Group on Women and Sport, and with American College of Sports Medicine in 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WomenSport International was represented at two meetings of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to develop a revision of the 1978 UNESCO Charter of Physical Education and Sport. WomenSport International participated in conferences and projects with groups acting on behalf of the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP), especially as regards programmes for girls.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization worked toward the realisation of the following MDGs:

- MDG 1: it took steps to facilitate training online for coaching and other roles in sport leadership for women (Ohio University project); it conducted research on harassment and policy development to make sport a safer place for women's involvement in sport careers;
- MDG 3: the primary objective of the organization is to enhance girls/women's opportunities in sport and healthful physical activity throughout lifespan;
- MDGs 4 and 5: it conducted research on healthful benefits of physical activity for pregnant women and benefits of early childhood physical activity; data showing health benefits for women throughout lifespan.

14. World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations

Special, 1991

Introduction

The World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (WAITRO) was established in 1970 to promote and encourage cooperation among industrial and technological research and development organizations (RTOs). The current membership is 159 organizations from 76 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to develop action oriented partnerships among member organizations for sustainable development. WAITRO fosters links between member organizations through encouraging and facilitating transfer of research, results and technical know-how; promoting exchange of experience in research and technology management; enhancing capabilities in management of research and technological organizations; identifying and promoting fields of research suitable for international collaboration, new opportunities and markets; and promoting technological research and capability building in developing countries.

Significant changes in the organization

WAITRO received new members from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa and North America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WAITRO identified the environment, energy, poverty alleviation, water, health, and food security as specific challenges and priorities of each region where its member organizations could use science and technology interventions to contribute to the achievement of the MDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WAITRO presented at the 2014 Daejeon Global Innovation Forum: "WAITRO: The Global Innovation Family", Daejeon, Republic of Korea, 11-14 November 2014. It participated in the International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, Paris, France, 15-17 December 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization held the following events in support of the MDGs:

- Regional Seminar "Improving Capacities of Research Policies and Identification of Marketable Science and Technology Research", Indonesia, 10-13 October 10-13 2011:

- Senior Management Programme "Managing RTOs" co-organized with the Bangladesh National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO), Bangladesh, 9-11 July 2012;
- European Union Project Proposal Development Workshop, Kenya, 29-30 November 2012;
- Workshop "Opportunities for Collaboration under Horizon 2020", Denmark, 17-18 June 2014;
- The European Union's 7th Framework Biowaste4SP Project, South Africa, 29-31 October 2013;
- Congress "Technological Innovations for All-Inclusive Growth", India, 8-9 November 2012;

Additionally, it developed a partnership with the International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises and participated in the forum "How to Strategically Access and Co-Develop Economic Assets for the Benefit of SMEs", Turkey, 21-24 May 2013.

15. World Federation of Khoja Shi'a Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities

Special, 2007

Introduction

The World Federation of Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Communities (KSIMC) is a faith- and community-based humanitarian NGO. The organization undertakes projects in over 20 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives are to promote the faith, relieve poverty, and provide education. This is achieved through its departments namely, International Relief and Development, Healthcare, Education, Educational Sponsorship, Islamic Education, and Family Affairs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization, through its regional members and partners, continues to deliver essential disaster, emergency, water and sanitation, education and community development services in more than 20 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization's representatives attended the 25th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, March 2014, and made oral and written interventions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2012, the Federation has worked with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to bring relief in Gaza, State of Palestine, and with the United Nations Development Programme in the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook the following activities in support of the MDGs:

- MDG 1: provided welfare support to 158 seniors in India and Sri Lanka; new housing for over 1,200 families in Tanzania, Sri Lanka and Pakistan; food ration baskets to over 28,000 families in over 22 countries during Ramadhan as well as during natural disasters; seed money to farm 385 acres of farmland in Pakistan after the 2010 flash floods; and 25 cash grants to start food stall businesses after Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines;
- MDG 2: sponsored over 4,400 students in five countries;
- MDG 3: gifted 25 sewing machines and offered a training program for women in Pakistan to learn how to sew to start their own businesses to provide for their families;
- MDG 6: provided families living in developing countries with easy access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities. 230 wells were built across Pakistan, India, Kenya, Afghanistan and Tanzania and 105 lavatories were built in Pakistan; and
- MDG 7: installed 100 kitchen gardens and planted 5,000 trees in Wajir County, Kenya, as part of its Community Upliftment Program to ensure environmental sustainability.